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1. The composing staff of the Daily Mirror* threatened to strike on 3 July 1950 because of the demand by the editor, Mom Chao Sophon Phradai, that they take a 20 to 30 percent cut in pay. A committee representing the composing staff demanded a full explanation as to why a cut in pay was necessary and also demanded that the staff be paid the back salaries due them. Sophon forestalled a strike temporarily by informing the committee that he would attempt to borrow the money to pay the salaries in arrears.
2. Francis Cooray, former editor of the Daily Mirror, is filing a civil suit to collect back pay.
3. Luang Thawin Setaphanitchakarn, manager of the Daily Mirror, has attempted to improve the financial standing of the paper. He states that he has lost approximately 80,000 baht, exclusive of his investment in the English type for the Daily Mirror.

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5. A new newspaper, the Bangkok Sun, has been registered with Thai authorities, but has not yet begun publication. Francis WU, a former staff member of Democracy, is attempting to get the Bangkok Sun in publication, but has had little success thus far.
6. Representatives of AM Boon Haw** will establish an English-language newspaper on 10 October 1950. Present plans call for an editorial staff made up of Chinese and Australians, who will be brought to Bangkok from Hong Kong.

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